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FOREIGN OUTLOOK: THE NEXT SPY SCANDAL

Before congressmen start exercising their lungs over the Navy spy case, they had better look over their shoulders. The next espionage scandal is likely to be centered on Capitol Hill.

I'm told that some members have been careless about the staff people they have hired. The FBI, in turn, has been timid about questioning the security clearances of Hill people. That's because the Executive Branch is leery of being too strict in its clearance investigations on Capitol Hill, for fear of offending influential congressional aides and their elected employers, who can wreak terrible revenge on any agency that displeases them.

I hear the FBI is now taking a second look at some congressional employees who have been cozy with known agents from the Soviet bloc, particularly Cuba and Nicaraqua. Other Hill staffers, who have been granted access to secrets without adequate training, have inadvertently disclosed sensitive information, according to my FBI sources.